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A Special Child Waits To Take Your Hand

We're a whole lot of children
And we live in a shoe
There are so many of us
We don't know what to do.

People came and adopted
Lots of babies under two
Leavin' all us other children
Still hanging out at the shoe.

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What is Subsidized Adoption? Subsidized adoption means a monthly income to a family to enable that family to adopt a child, provide for the needs of that child and, at the same time, maintain a level of living which existed before the adoption. Adoption assistance through subsidy payments is available for a child who has a special need. Subsidy is a resource which can assist with the adoption of a child who might not otherwise find permanent parents.

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What Kind of Child Qualifies? Any of the following children in the custody of a public welfare agency might qualify for a subsidized adoption: children over age 6 if they have no other barrier to adoption; children who have resided in a foster home long enough to develop a meaningful relationship with their foster parents; children of the same family who do not want to be separated; children with physical, mental or emotional handicaps; and children of minority races.

If you are interested in learning more about subsidized adoption and whether it could apply to you and your family, won't you please call your local Department of Welfare/Social Services?

ACHS FHA Meets

The Appomattox Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America met on Wednesday, November 1, 1978, in the auditorium at A.C.H.S. The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Elliott, president, followed by Jane Guill presenting a devotional poem.

The program was presented by Penny Elliott, vice-president and a panel consisting of Mrs. Sarah Elliott, a working mother, Mrs. Joan Holt, a working mother and teacher at ACHS Mr. Bobby Waddell, a working father-to-be and a teacher at ACHS, Karen Fratrick, a student and Donald Parris, a student at ACHS. Each member of the panel discussed various viewpoints concerning the role of today's homemaker.

After the program was concluded, Cheryl Walton gave the secretary's report. Joan Williams gave the treasurer's report and Pam Smith reported that the Member of the Month for November is Cheryl Elliott. Shelby Dunnam gave the Welfare Committee report and Cheryl Walton gave the Federation report. Candidates for the Federation Miss FHA contest were instructed to collect a penny a vote for the competition to be completed during the trip to Skateland on November 20, 1978.

The meeting was then adjourned by Cheryl Elliott.

Robin Bollinger, Reporter

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ST. LUKE

Regular preaching services at the St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday November 5 at 11 a.m. was well attended by members and friends.

Pastor Rev. McLaughlin was in charge. His message was great, centered around the 10 that were healed and one turned back to thank God for healing him. The senior choir gave the music. Rev. Alvin Jones and Rev. Lydell Yuille were on the rostrum and assisted in the opening devotions. The offering was good.

After the close of the services at St. Luke a number of St. Lukers went to Evergreen Baptist Church to attend their annual homecoming. The Rev. Wayne Younger was in charge of the morning services and Rev. Henry Pryer wa. the speaker for the afternoon services. Rev. Cabel was present but still recovering from surgery. He did not preach.

It was a high day and a bountiful lunch was served at Evergreen. The offering was good. Everyone enjoyed it.

On the 4th Sunday in October was Annual Woman's Day at St. Luke Church at 3 p.m. Mrs. Louise Canada was MC. Mrs. Margaret Smith was guest speaker her subject was "Great Women of the Present and Past." This was quite informative and constructive, and calmly delivered the offering was very good.

On November 11 there will be a bake sale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Canada at 1 p.m.

On Sunday November 12 at 6 p.m. there will be a ministers concert at the St. Luke Church. The public is invited to attend both occasions.

The pastor's anniversary will be given at the St. Luke Baptist Church November 19th at 3 p.m. Please come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Rev. K. W. Davis will be guest speaker on October 29th. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Canada were guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jenkins. To be with Mr. William Tweedy who had suffered a stroke in his right side and is now residing in this home. He is a brother of Mrs. Jenkins and a first cousin of Mrs. Canada.

Mrs. Jenkins served a delightful birthday dinner honoring her brother that consisted of turkey and all the trimmings with ice cream and cake. A niece of theirs, Marlene and husband were there along with a cousin Mr. John Nowlikn and his wife from Norfolk, Virginia.

The day was made very plesant for Mr. Tweedy.

The Pastor Speaks

Good Mental Hygiene

Most of us practice good oral and physical hygiene. I wonder, however, how many of us practice good mental hygiene. Good mental hyg-,giene involves taking an occasional self-inventory. Becoming a mentally healthy person involves knowing ourselves, warts and all! Perhaps too many of us spend more time fussing about our blemishes rather than rejoicing over our gifts and abilities.

Too many persons spend each day wallowing in a negative attitude and self-pity. The Bible makes a big deal over the power of attitude. The writer of Proverbs says, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." Jesus said on occasion, "According to your faith, be it done unto you." We will never become mentally healthy as long as we live in the negative. Our attitude will affect our lives for better or for worse. Jesus would be quick to point out that to be negative is to be like Satan.

Ponder the following questions as a means of taking a self-inventory.

1. Can I laugh at myself? When was the last time?
2. If I eat, drink, smoke, or work too much, why do I do such things to myself?
3. What is my attitude towards life, others and God?
4. What do I do with failure?
5. How well do I get along with people? With God?
6. What are my goals in life? Are these goals realistic?
7. When was the last time I really had some fun?
8. How different is my public self from my private self?
9. What do I really want out of life? Are my excuses for not achieving what I want out of life really good excuses?
10. Am I doing all I can to deepen my relationship to my husband or wife or children? How about my relationship to God?
11. What does Christ and my church really mean to me?
12. What would I do if I knew for certain that I had only six months to live?

What is a mentally healthy person? He or she is one who gives and receives love; they are morally and ethically responsible because they are aware of the effects of their behavior upon others. They enjoy their work but are not addicted to it. Such a person is flexible, open, and teachable concerning new ideas. Such a person is comfortable with themselves and relaxed around others. They actually like themselves! Such a person feels worthy and that they have something to contribute. They enjoy long-term satisfying relationships and work hard at making their goals and dreams become reality. And such a person enjoys a personal and enriching faith in God which enables them to find meaning in all of life.

Rev. William L. Trimyer,
Pastor,
Elon Baptist Church

Mrs. Issie Bell Jones is now in Lynchburg General recovering from a heart attack she suffered last Sunday. We are hoping for a soon recover for her.

Bike-A-Thon Winners

The Appomattox County 1978 Bike-A-Thon, held on October 15 brought in $1,700 to fight the cause of cancer and there is still additional money to be collected.

Shown above are winners, left to right: Monica Stratton, 2nd place; Tammy Carter, 1st place; Jill Noble, 5th place; Kenny Richardson, 4th place; and Michele Ford, 3rd place.

On the ten-mile ride the youngest rider was Robby Coleman, age 6 and the oldest? We won't tell!

Kathy Johnson, Miss Appomattox was the Celebrity Chairman.

Walter Lee Mosley, Jr.

Walter Lee Mosley, Jr. of Appomattox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Mosley, Sr. has completed training with the United States Army at Fort Jackson, S.C. where he attended mechanic's school.

PV2 Mosley, a 1978 graduate of Appomattox County High School, will leave on November 14 for Germany where he has been assigned to the 21st AG Replacement Co.

Jordan News

On Sunday, November 12 at 7 p.m. the Revelation Singers will be singing at the Jordan Baptist Church for the benefit of the Sunday School.

On Saturday night, November 18, 1978, the Spiritual Knights will be celebrating part one of their anniversary at the Jordan Baptist Church beginning at 8 p.m. The following groups will be on program Saturday night: The Peaceful Grove Gospel Chorus, The Gospel Harmonettes, The Heavenly 5, Gospel Crowns, Golden Echoes, St. Paul Gospel Chorus of Rustburg, Gospel Entertainers, Rapture Gospel Singers, and the Spiritualettes. Part 2 will be held on the third Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Bowling Hill Baptist Church, Madison Heights.

On the third Sunday in November at 3 p.m. Rev. Don Lewis will be preaching here for the benefit of the Usher Board.

On the 4th Sunday in November at 3 p.m. the annual Mattie T. West Memorial Program will be held.

On Thanksgiving night Rev. H. E. Spears will be our guest for the annual Harvest Festival.

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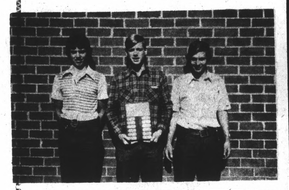
CASTS FIRST VOTE IN VERA - Mr. Willie Bryant of Vera is shown above after marking his ballot Tuesday morning. He was the first person to vote in the Vera precinct. If we all were as eager to vote for our choice of candidates as he, then everyone would vote. He has been voting for 44 years.



Appomattox FFA Participates in Dairy Judging

The Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter won the Hub Federation Dairy Judging Contest held at Rustburg on October 26. Eight schools from the surrounding counties competed in the contest.

This team which consisted of Dennis Stratton, Richard Jones and Roger Walton received a plaque for their outstanding performance. In addition, Richard Jones was the fourth high individual in the senior division of the contest.

The Junior Team from Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter consisted of Bruce Reed, Thomas Davis and Jim Nix. This team placed sixth in their division. Brian Reed was the third high individual in the Junior Divison of the contest.

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